

## ABOUT THE EVENT

The 16th Edition of the Latin American and Caribbean Internet Governance Forum LACIGF - [www.lacigf.org](http://www.lacigf.org) - is a space for open dialogue on Internet Governance that will be held on December 4 and 5 at the Universidad Externado de Colombia, in the city of Bogota.

We invite you to participate in person by attending the sessions at the Universidad Externado de Colombia:

Time: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. GMT-5 (both days).

Place: Universidad Externado de Colombia - Auditorium 3, building i.

Address: Calle 12 No. 1-17 east. Bogotá, Colombia.

You can also participate remotely by connecting to the sessions via YouTube:

Time: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. GMT-5 (both days).

### December 4 | Day 1 LACIGF 2023

[https://youtube.com/live/u4D\\_9Z1d6to?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/u4D_9Z1d6to?feature=share)

### December 5 | Day 2 LACIGF 2023

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xxdp8OwULzo>

If you wish to participate more actively in the sessions, you can request access to the Zoom platform of the event at: [contacto@lacigf.org](mailto:contacto@lacigf.org)

During the days of the Forum, morning and afternoon refreshments and lunch will be offered to all participants who have the badge of the event.

During the forum you will have free Wi-Fi access at the university.

How to get there:

The Universidad Externado de Colombia has open classrooms so you will be able to enter the event freely, it is important to remember that the Forum is going to be held in an area recently built by the university, these are block I and block H.

The easiest way to get there is by car through the Circunvalar Avenue access, either by cab or private car, as the university has a parking service (with charge). Cabs, Uber or other platforms can enter the university parking lot and have 15

minutes to drop off passengers in building H or I at no cost. It can also be accessed on foot as shown in the following image:



This option will be useful if you are coming from the city center or if you arrive by public transportation. More detailed directions can be found in the following link. Please note that walking access to buildings H and I is uphill and may take longer to reach.

<https://www.uexternado.edu.co/la-universidad/como-llegar/>

### Travel documents:

Prepare the necessary documents for your trip, if you are coming from another country you need a valid passport at the time of entry and until the date the trip concludes, it must be in good condition (no erasures, no amendments, perfectly legible and with free sheets for the stamping of the Migration stamps in Colombia).

If you come from a MERCOSUR or Andean Community country (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador and Peru) you can enter Colombia by presenting your National Identity Card.

For people coming from Brazil it is necessary to present a yellow fever vaccination certificate.

The countries in Latin America and the Caribbean to which Colombia requires a visa are: Cuba, Haiti and Nicaragua.

Migración Colombia has an online form that allows you to register 72 hours in advance of your trip and up to one hour before. CheckMig allows travelers who intend to enter or leave Colombia to preload all the information related to their trip so that the immigration control interview at the airport is much faster.

<https://apps.migracioncolombia.gov.co/pre-registro/>

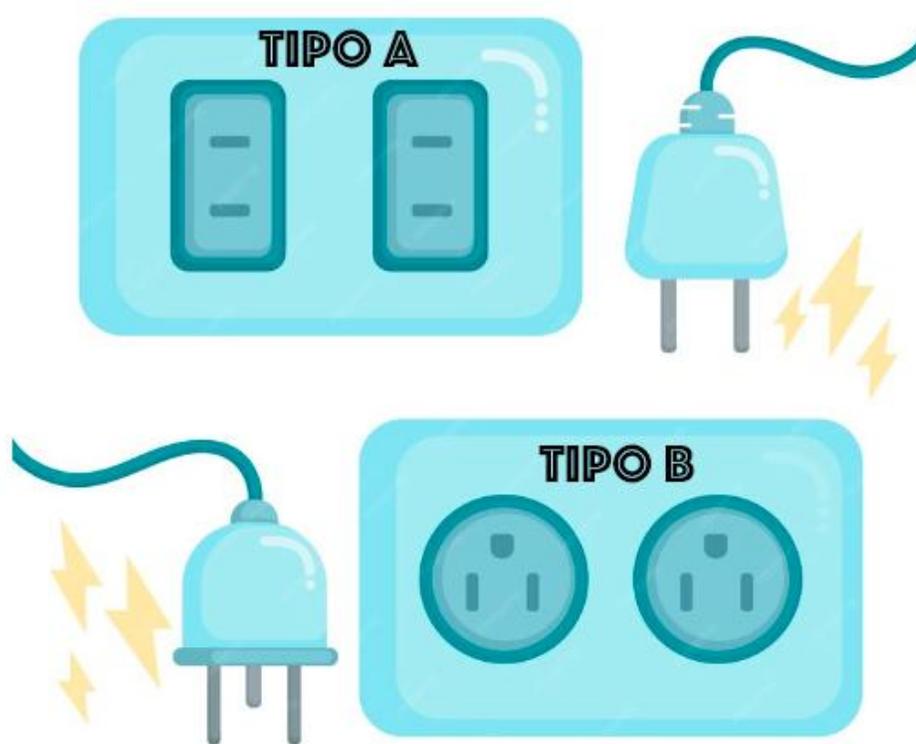
As of April 5, 2023, all requirements related to the coronavirus for travel to Colombia will disappear.

### **Currency**

The country's currency is the Colombian Peso (COP). The current exchange rate is approximately 4,000 COP to 1.00 US dollar (subject to change). The maximum amount to carry in cash when entering Colombia is \$10,000 USD.

### **Electricity and electrical outlets**

In Colombia the voltage for domestic use is 110V, with a frequency of 60Hz. Plugs and sockets are type A / B (Compatible with USA, Canada and most South American countries).



### Transportation from the airport:

Cabs (yellow): The only company with authorized cabs is called Taxi Imperial and you will find it on the second floor at Exit 2 for International Arrivals and Exit 9 for Domestic Arrivals at El Dorado Airport.

In Bogota cab drivers must use a taximeter to establish the cost of the service (Price per minute or kilometer: \$850 pesos).

To the city center the ride costs approximately 47,000 COP (11 or 12 USD, but you must pay in Colombian pesos).

Using the following link you can calculate the price of the service to the exact address of your hotel, on the date and time of your arrival in the city, registering your data you can also book the service at least two hours in advance.

<https://app.taxiimperial.com.co/calculadora>

Be wary of services offered in other lanes, or at unauthorized points, as these vehicles do not have support or verification. If you need to verify the cab you are going to board, enter the following link where you can enter the license plate of the vehicle to check it. <https://eldorado.aero/servicios/taxis>

Mobile applications: If you normally use applications such as Uber, Didi, Cabify or others, you can also use them to move around Bogota, their prices and times are usually similar to cabs (It is not recommended to use applications such as Uber, from the airport upon arrival, because they have restrictions to operate there).

Hotel Tequendama: If you have a reservation to stay at this hotel you can use their free transportation from the airport. It operates from Monday to Saturday, every two hours, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

To access this service at the airport go to floor 2, lane 2, gates 4 and 6. There you will find a white van with the hotel logo and you must announce yourself to the driver as a guest with an active reservation.

### **Suggested hotels for LACIGF 16 - 2023:**

**Important:** To obtain the corporate rate at these hotels, you must mention the LACIGF event and the venue where it will be held; Universidad Externado de Colombia.

#### **Hotel de La Ópera**

Address: Calle 10 #. 5 -72, Calle del Coliseo, Centro Histórico la Candelaria Bogotá.

Telephone: +(57) 601- 336- 2066

WhatsApp: (57) 313-722-3561 (WhatsApp only)

Website: <https://www.hotelopera.com.co/>

Email: [sales@hotelopera.com.co](mailto:sales@hotelopera.com.co)

Check-in 3:00 p.m. / Check-out 1:00 p.m.

#### **Hotel Tequendama**

Address: Cra.10 # 26- 21

Phone number: +(57) 601 382-0300

WhatsApp: +(57) 317-404-3366

Website: <https://www.tequendamahotel.com/>  
Email: [reservas.tequendama@ghlhoteles.com](mailto:reservas.tequendama@ghlhoteles.com)  
Check-in 3:00 p.m. / Check-out 1:00 p.m.

### **Hotel BH Bicentenario**

Address: Cra. 4 #16 -3  
Telephone: +(57) 601 747 0744  
Website: <https://www.bhbicentenariobogota.com/>  
Check-in 3:00 p.m. / Check-out 1:00 p.m.

### **Ibis Hotel**

Address: Transversal 6 # 27-85 Centro Internacional.  
Phone number: +(57) 601 742-2404  
Website: <https://ibis.accor.com/es/city/hoteles-bogota-v5893.shtml>  
E-mail: [reservas.ibisbogotamuseo@accor.com](mailto:reservas.ibisbogotamuseo@accor.com)  
Check-in 3:00 p.m. / Check-out 12:00 p.m.

### **Wyndham Bogotá Hotel**

Address: Avenida, Calle 24 # 51-40 Capital Towers Centro Empresarial.  
Phone: +(57) 601- 608- 3000  
WhatsApp: +(57) 321-224-9675  
Website:  
<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/es-xl/wyndham/bogota-colombia/wyndham-bogota/overview>  
Email: [ventas18@hotelwyndhambogota.com](mailto:ventas18@hotelwyndhambogota.com)  
Check-in 3:00 p.m. / Check-out 1:00 p.m.

## **ABOUT BOGOTÁ**

If you are going to participate in LACIGF 16, you are probably wondering what Bogotá is like?

Unlike other capitals in the region, Bogotá is not a coastal city, it is located between hills, surrounded by lush vegetation and has one of the greenest landscapes on the continent.

It is the capital of Colombia, the largest city and also the place where the state and economic processes of the country are developed to a greater extent. For this reason, in Bogota you will find a sample of what Colombia is, you can feel the presence of people from different regions and see the traces of the past, present and future of the country.

Bogota has been the scene of some of the most relevant events for Colombia and LACIGF 16 takes place right in the historic center of the city, so take advantage of your free time to see first hand the charming duality between the old and the new.

**Important:** Whether you are going to the forum or touring the city, pack your coat and if possible an umbrella. Bogota's weather is variable and can change dramatically and suddenly from a sunny day to a heavy downpour. With an altitude of 2,640 meters above sea level, the average daytime temperature is 14°C (57°F) and at night 10°C (50°F).

Below we recommend some places close to the location of the Forum.

### **Monserate:**

It is located at 3,152 meters above sea level, has a beautiful view of the city and restaurants ranging from typical food and desserts, to international cuisine. You can access the hill by cable car, funicular or using the pedestrian path.

Address: Carrera 2 East No. 21-48 Paseo Bolivar

Cable car and funicular: Monday to Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 12:00 (midnight). Tickets on sale until 10:00 p.m.

Round trip COP \$27.000, approximately 6.75 USD.

Sundays from 5:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., ticket office service until 5:00 p.m., no access at night.

Return trip COP \$16.000, approximately 4 USD.

The ticket office does not accept foreign currency, but they do accept credit cards (Visa, Master, American Express and Diners). Tickets can also be purchased virtually at: <https://monserrate.co/>

### **Luis Angel Arango Public Library:**

It is the largest and most important public library in Colombia and one of the most visited in the world.

Address: Cll. 11 No. 4 -14, Barrio La Candelaria.

Monday to Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Free admission.

### **Republican House of the Luis Angel Arango Library:**

This house was built in the second half of the 19th century and now serves as a museum and exhibition center.

Address: Entrance on 12th Street # 4 - 37.

Monday to Saturday (except Tuesdays, which is closed): 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Free admission.

### **Botero Museum:**

Permanently exhibits one of the most important international art exhibitions in Latin America, including more than 100 works by master artist Fernando Botero.

Address: Calle 11 No. 4-41

Monday to Saturday (except Tuesdays, when it is closed): 09:00am-07:00pm

Sunday: 10:00 am-05:00 pm

Free admission.



### **Colón Theater:**

This beautiful place, recently renovated, has more than 130 years of history and, in 1975 was declared Cultural Heritage of the Nation.

The Colon Theater offers guided tours to visit every corner of this heritage jewel and learn about its history.

Address: Calle 10 # 5 - 32

Saturdays: 12:00 m and 3:00 p.m. Sundays 12:00 m and 3:00 p.m.

Duration of the visit: Between 60 and 75 minutes.

Ticket price: COP \$12,000 pesos, approximately 3 USD.

More information and theater program: <https://eneldelia.gov.co/>

### **Gold Museum:**

The Gold Museum of the Banco de la República preserves archaeological collections that are the heritage and pride of all Colombians.

Address: Cra. 6 #15-88, Santa Fé

Tuesday to Saturday: 9:00 a. m. to 7:00 p. m. (Last admission at 6:00 p. m.)

Sundays: 10:00 a. m. to 5:00 p.m. (Last admission at 4:00 p. m.)

Tuesday to Saturday, COP \$5.000, approximately 1.25 USD. On Sundays, admission is free.

### **National Museum of Colombia:**

The National Museum of Colombia was created in 1823 and is one of the oldest in the Americas. It offers its visitors seventeen permanent exhibition rooms with works and objects, symbols of history and national heritage.

Address: Carrera 7 N. 28-66

Tuesday to Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Admission fee for Colombians COP \$6.000, admission fee for foreigners \$10 USD.

### **Quinta de Bolivar House Museum:**

This house was a gift from the government of New Granada to the Liberator Simón Bolívar. It is currently restored to the appearance it had when the Liberator lived there.

Address: Calle 21 No.4A - 30 East.

Tuesday to Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Entrance fee for Colombians COP \$6.000, entrance fee for foreigners \$10 USD.

### **Gastronomy**

Bogota is proud to call itself a gastronomic center, which far from concentrating on local cuisine, explores international gastronomy in a diverse way.

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### **Macarena Gastronomic Zone:**

Located in the traditional La Macarena neighborhood, on carreras cuarta and quinta between streets 26 and 30. In this sector you will find a great variety of restaurants, cafes, bars, gourmet tours and food, coffee and chocolate workshops.

This is the closest gastronomic area to the location of LACIGF 16, but in Bogota there are also other gastronomic areas such as G, T and Usaquen.

### **La puerta falsa:**

This is a very traditional place with a menu of typical foods of the city. The large house is more than a century old and is very popular. The original restaurant is quite small and usually there are always people waiting to enter, but, on the same street you can find larger restaurants that offer exactly the same products.

**Address: Cl. 11 #6-50, Bogotá**

### **La Perseverancia Market Square:**

La Perseverancia square is recognized for its wide gastronomic offer, here you can find typical food and a great variety of fruits, vegetables and other local products.

Address: Carrera 5ta # 30 - 30 Santa fé

Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Important: Bogota has a variety of transportation systems, the public bus network can be easy for those who use it daily. However, for foreign visitors it can be very confusing, so if you decide to use it be sure to ask for directions from the event organizers or hotel staff. Alternatives include bicycle rentals, cabs and mobile apps.

### **General recommendations**

Bogota is the most important city in Colombia that receives a large population and is not exempt from security situations like other capitals, so we recommend you to take precautions when using your cell phone in public spaces, do not lose sight of your purse or briefcase when visiting a tourist site or being in a restaurant.

It is not advisable to take a cab on the street, as far as possible use applications to order transportation.

Vehicular traffic is important especially in "rush" hours or hours of high influx of cars as in the mornings (from 7:00 am. to 9:00 am.) or in the afternoons at the end of the work or educational day (between 4:30 and 7:30 pm.). Therefore, make sure you have enough time to arrive in a timely manner at the start time of the Forum.

### **ABOUT THE FORUM**

LACIGF is a multi-sectoral initiative that promotes the active participation of academia, the private sector, civil society, the technical community, the government

and all parties that may be interested in discussing digital ecosystem issues in order to define agreements, policies and recommendations for the development and governance of the Internet in the region.

LACIGF was held for the first time in 2008 as an initiative of LACNIC, NUPEF and APC, with the purpose of identifying priority and relevant issues for Latin America and the Caribbean that should be considered in the discussions of the Third Internet Governance Forum (IGF), to be held that same year.

Since 2008, a total of 15 editions of the regional forum have been held annually in countries such as Uruguay, Brazil, Ecuador, Trinidad and Tobago, Colombia, Argentina, El Salvador, Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama and Bolivia.

Some of the main impacts of these meetings are the construction of a regional Internet governance agenda and the inspiration for other national processes. They have served to broaden the range of actors linked to the issues and also as a platform for their meeting and the exchange of perspectives.

After being held virtually for three consecutive years, the Latin American and Caribbean Internet Governance Forum returns in person but without abandoning remote participation, as it will have live transmission to provide the possibility of participation to all interested persons.

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